

REMARKS

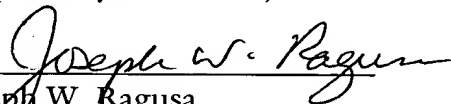
A response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003, with Petition for Extension of Time, was filed timely on April 8, 2004. That paper, inter alia, responded to the outstanding rejection based on the Howorka '521 patent by pointing out that Howorka '521 matured from the parent of the present application. The April 8, 2004 Amendment also included evidence that this case claimed benefit under Section 120 from the application from which the Howorka '521 patent matured. All the comments made in that Amendment are hereby incorporated by reference.

The present paper is being filed in response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 13, 2004. The Notice required submittal of a replacement "Amendments to the Claims" section to be substituted for the one filed in the April 8, 2004 Amendment. The above section is that submittal and is believed to be fully responsive to the May 13 Notice.

The above response is believed, in conjunction with the Amendment filed April 8, 2004, to place this application in condition for allowance and issuance of a Notice of Allowance in response is respectfully requested.

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